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City Council approves new festival venue

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

At Monday's virtual meeting, the Belleville City Council unanimously approved a "defined venue" for the June 25-27 Belleville Lake Fest, exclusive of the June 27 concert after lake fest is over.

The council also approved the 3 p.m. Sunday concert, as a separate venue.

At a previous discussion by the council, it was suggested that having separate venues might increase the number of people allowed by the state at the events.

But there are several stipulations recommended by Acting City Manager / Police Chief Dave Robinson for each event.

Chief Robinson stipulated the applicant – the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce – shall provide a COVID-19 compliance plan following all regulations imposed by the State of Michigan for each event.

The city administration will meet 30 days before the events, on May 25, to evaluate any changes to state requirements and the festival and concert will be required to submit an updated compliance plan by June 7.

Also, Chief Robinson will provide the chamber with a estimated cost breakdown for city services for the events by April 30 and the chamber shall agree to pay the expenses associated with the increased police/fire/DPS coverage needed for the events.

The festival includes many events including fireworks and a boat parade on Saturday and Sunday events from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Stipulations for the 3 p.m., Sunday concert, on High Street, include that the ticketed event will not exceed 1,000 participants.

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Photo by Reg Ion

Saturday's Flop E Bunny event at Victory Park brought out lots of children who stood in line for goodies and a distanced, free photo with the bunny. The green tent at left housed Girl Scout cookies sales. There also were book sales and other events, including a fire truck bringing the bunny to the park.

Court Watching:

Hopkins bound over in stabbing at Timberlands mobile home

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

After a live preliminary exam before 34th District Court Chief Judge Brian Oakley on March 29, Daniel Preston Hopkins, 36, of Westland was bound over for trial at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice. His arraignment on the information is set for 9 a.m., April 14.

Hopkins is charged with stabbing Kenneth Parker in the chest on July 31, 2020 outside a home in Timberlands Mobile Home Park in Van Buren Township.

Hopkins' charges are assault with intent to murder, assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder, and assault with a dangerous weapon. He is free after 10% of \$10,000 bond was posted on his behalf. He also is wearing a GPS tether.

Kenneth Lamont Parker, 41, of Ypsilanti was originally scheduled to have his exam at the same time as Hopkins for the July 31 incident.

Parker is charged with criminal sexual conduct – first degree, assault with intent to rob while armed, four counts of assault with a dangerous weapon (felonious assault), aggravated assault, six counts of weapons-felony firearm-second offense notice, and one count of weapons-firearms-possession by felon. He was given a bond set at \$1 million cash or surety.

But Judge Oakley was told by the prosecutor that the complaining witness on Parker's charges is in Florida but is willing to fly up to testify. She said Detective Long uploaded the digital evidence for the Parker case the previous Friday.

The prosecutor asked Judge Oakley to adjourn the two exams "for good cause."

"I'm not adjourning for good cause," Judge Oakley fumed. "I'm not losing a whole day because your office can't get your ducks in a row."

It was noted this is a different prosecutor because the previous prosecutor is no longer with the department.

Defense attorney William Glenn said they can't be doing Hopkins as an individual case and he made a motion to dismiss.

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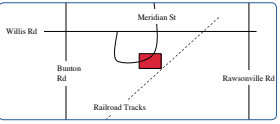
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City Council

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Also, the chamber will provide a staffing plan to ensure the private property adjacent to the venue is not trespassed upon by concert attendees, with personnel to protect concert attendees from the steep shoreline borders of Horizon Park.

Mike Kole of the chamber questioned the definition of a venue. He said anyone else wanting to do something in the city during the festival must be refused.

But Mayor Kerreen Conley said that wasn't so and if someone else, like St. Anthony Catholic Church, wished to do something, "We would consider it."

Kole asked what the capacity for outside events was so he can determine what the state's 20% would be.

Chief Robinson said now they cannot exceed 1,000 people.

"You can't provide a number," Kole challenged. "You don't want to tell me."

Chief Robinson said the state has advised that from March 5 through April 19, the number is 1,000.

"I'll drop it," Kole said of the discussion of the number who can attend. "My blood pressure is going up."

"If it was happening today, it would be limited to 1,000," Mayor Conley said.

"And, we wouldn't have a festival," Kole said.

When they were discussing the closing concert, Chief Robinson said the event is not to exceed 1,000 participants and this will be reexamined on May 25 to comply with the state rules at the time.

"COVID or no-COVID, it's 1,000?" Kole asked of the concert.

"Yes," said Chief Robinson. Later he said he has studied the area over and over again and it will not safely hold the 2,500 that concert promoters want.

In other business at Monday's meeting, the council:

- Approved the Belleville Community Chorus as a nonprofit organization operating in the community so it could obtain charitable gaming licenses. It wishes to participate in Belleville Lake Fest by holding a raffle and selling tickets. Jane Vesche said the group has a Blue Angels watch worth \$750 that it wishes to raffle off by selling tickets at \$5 each during Lakefest weekend;

- Approved the request of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4434 and the Polish Legion of American Veterans Post 167 to sell Buddy Poppies at various locations along Main Street on May 6, 7, and 8, as part of a nationwide fundraiser that will benefit the community;

- Approved Boy Scout Troop 793's request to sell Mother's Day flowers outdoors at the Fourth Street Square from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on May 9. Fire Chief Brian

Loranger said the boys used to do this fundraiser at St. Anthony Catholic Church, but since the troop is not housed inside the church during COVID, they needed another location;

- Approved the Belleville Area Council for the Arts request to hold Music Lakeside free concerts every Thursday between June 24 and Aug. 19, with showtime from 7 to 9 p.m. and High Street closed between 5 and 10 p.m. for set up and tear down. Steve Jones said this will be the 12th season for the event;

- Approved Steve Cinnamon's request to hold the June 20 Father's Day car show at Victory Park, marking the 19th year at the park, plus one year at his business, making it a 20-year event. He said he did the show at Victory Park during COVID last year and had everything six feet apart and had half the usual turnout;

- Heard Mayor Conley report that she and Mayor Pro Tem Jesse Marcotte had a conversation with the police chief, who is the current city manager, about the potential of a dual role for him and they found it was. Now they have to create a position of a deputy city manager and a job description. "We think this is a workable direction," said Mayor Conley. Marcotte said they are building the best possible team they can have and feedback is very important so they can make sure they are all heading in the same direction. Mayor Conley said once they have gathered information and closed the loops, she and Marcotte will report back;

- Heard Councilman Ken Voigt report that Wayne County is supposed to get on the Belleville Bridge repairs after they are done with the Haggerty Road bridge. He said they know "how important the entry to our town is" and it's looking shabby. Chief Robinson said he has been in communication with the chief executive, who is in one of his classes, and he will get a date when the Haggerty bridge is to be done and find out when they can look at the Belleville Bridge;

- Heard Mayor Pro Tem Marcotte remark that Doane's Landing park looks "fantastic" since it has the new fence up. Other council members agreed. Mayor Conley said she loves Doane's Landing and agreed, "It looks fantastic"; and

- Heard Acting City Manager/Police Chief Robinson announce that there is a new state law in effect that for all but a few assaultive misdemeanors police are required to issue appearance tickets instead of taking offenders to jail. He said the drunk driving arrests are included but, "We cannot release people who are intoxicated... It's a pretty significant law in law enforcement." He said police in the state got last-minute notice and have had to jump through the hoops. He later said he believes the state will look at the unintended consequences of the law and amend it in the future.



Independent photo by Rosemary K. Oztman

Leah Eichstadt and her friends picketed the Sizzle restaurant at the Shell gas station at the corner of Rawsonville Road and Martz on Friday afternoon – for about five minutes before the regional manager of the Shell station came out and refunded the disputed money. From left are Brianna Groh, Eichstadt, Heather Williams, and Phyllis Mitchell on the truck behind Eichstadt, all of Milan.

Woman said it pays to stick up for what you believe is right

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

Leah Eichstadt who grew up in Van Buren Township and now lives in Dexter said she learned it pays to speak up for what you believe is right.

Eichstadt told her story to the *Independent* on Friday. She said she went into the new Sizzle restaurant at the corner of Rawsonville and Martz roads on Sunday, March 28.

She said she ordered a chicken club submarine, so she could cut it up and share with her father, who lives down the road. She said he no longer can walk so she comes out to take care of him.

Eichstadt said she was served the wrong thing and said she wasn't accepting it. When the man who said he was the owner said he wasn't replacing the food, she said she wanted her money back and he refused. It was ten dollars and change.

That's when she flung the food off the table and onto the floor.

She left. The restaurant got her license plate number and called Van Buren Police. When she got to her dad's house, she called police, as well, and told them where she was if they wanted to talk to her. She explained she had to excuse herself from the situation. Police didn't come, she said.

Eichstadt said she didn't need the money because she just got a settlement for an accident she was in two years earlier. She said she was riding her Harley motorcycle to church when it happened.

Her teenage children told her not to make a fuss, but she said people shouldn't accept this kind of treatment. She said in the past when she worked in a restaurant she was taught the customer is always right. "The customer is always right," she emphasized.

"We work hard for our money," she said. The day after the incident, on Monday, March 29, she decided to picket the restaurant and read up about the rules on the internet.

She said she made her protest sign and stood in front of the business, which is inside of the Shell gas station building. She yelled out, telling people not to eat there. Two police officers came and advised her not to cross the sidewalk in front or she would be trespassing, so she didn't. She said she parked along Martz Road.

She said the police were very nice and they asked her if all this was worth a sandwich. She said it was the principle of the thing.

She said she is still going to therapy three days a week at a place on Rawsonville Road, so she could easily drop by to picket when she is in town.

But, on Friday afternoon when she and three friends came with their signs to picket, they said they were barely there five minutes when the regional manager of the Shell station Omar Skaf came out and gave her \$11.

"I learned about it and took care of it," Skaf said Friday. "There are people dying. It's not worth all the trouble."

Eichstadt was delighted.

OPINIONS

Editorial

Did Bunny event kick off normal summer?

Although COVID-19 is roaring in Michigan, with our state at the top of infections per population, spring is here and people want to get their lives back.

Many are getting vaccinated to hopefully avoid the virus and many are not getting vaccinated because of fear.

On Saturday, there was a crowd of families at Victory Park to meet Flop E Bunny and get candy and a free picture with the rabbit. Almost like it used to be.

At Monday's city council meeting, Councilman Tom Fielder said the Belleville Central Business Community, who put on the event, had "a decent turnout."

Also at the meeting, the venues for the Belleville Lake Fest and a closing concert for Lake Fest were approved by the council.

And, a Mother's Day plant sale was approved for Fourth Street Square and a Father's Day car show for Victory Park.

In May, the VFW and PLAV will be out selling poppies along Main Street.

And, the Music Lakeside concerts were approved for Thursdays throughout the summer.

Does this sound like normal? Is does to us. If the state doesn't tighten up restrictions, it seems we will have our usual small-town summer fun this year, just as if COVID was gone. Of course, everyone will be masked and standing as far back from each other as possible.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

Janet Millard, who is our office manager at the *Independent* and served for many years as director of the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce, was in St. Joseph Mercy Hospital fighting COVID-19 over the weekend. She got out about 6 p.m. Monday and now is back in her own bed.

She's been gone from our office for more than two weeks and every surface has been cleaned, so we are safe to visit. There are only three of us here and we all tested negative as soon as she announced her diagnosis.

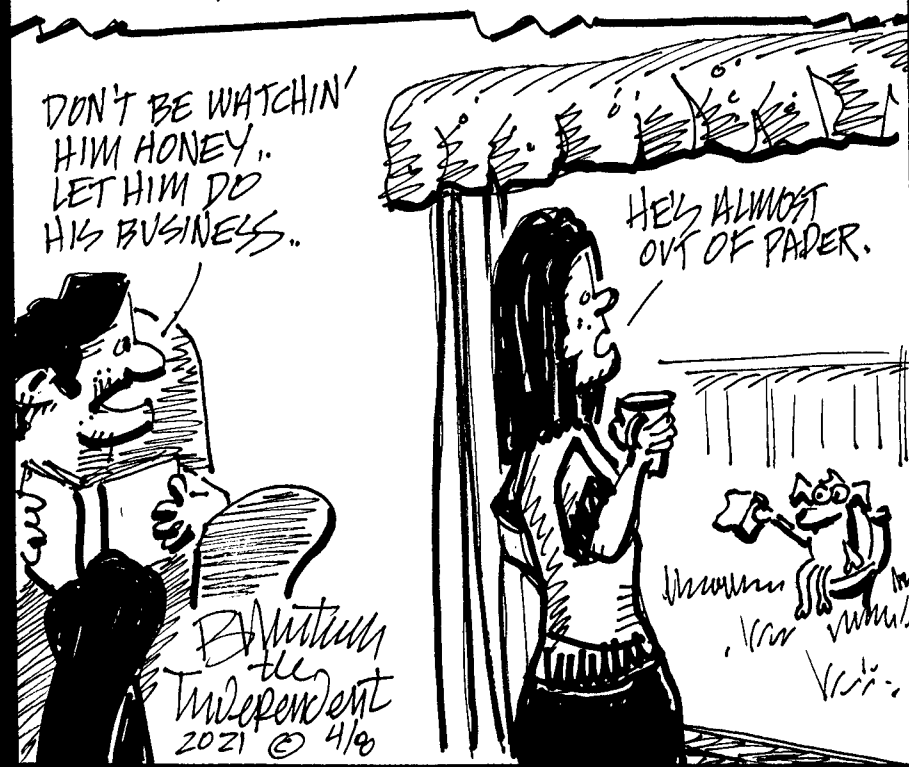
She said her oxygen level was down, so she was put in the hospital. She said she's able to eat again. Our prayers and good wishes to Janet.

Jackie Garner, who was office manager before Janet came on board, has agreed to help us with our morgue file so we don't get too far behind. It's time-consuming to cut up all the papers and file them by subject, but it allows us to find stories not available by a computer search.

We received an email from the person who put in the Found classified ad about a package that was delivered by Amazon on North Liberty Street in Belleville, but at the wrong address.

"Thank you so much for announcing the misdelivered baby items under FOUND! Thanks to you, they are! They were meant for an apartment at 380 North Liberty (not 308). Our condo president walked there to give to Mom who answered the door holding her 7-month-old in her arms. Thank you & the *Independent* so much for helping."

APRIL 1-7 IS INTERNATIONAL POOPER SCOOPER WEEK, AIMED TO EDUCATE PET OWNERS ON THE IMPORTANCE OF CLEANING UP AFTER THEIR PETS



On Sunday, the monthly Bugles Across America was held at the Veterans' Memorial in Belleville and one of the veterans present was wearing a sling. I asked how he hurt his arm and he said it wasn't his arm. It was his shoulder. He had just had it replaced.

I asked about his shoulder and he said he was shot in the back of his shoulder in Vietnam and then shot again in the front part of his shoulder. He said doctors told him then that when he gets older he will have trouble with that shoulder.

He said he is 78 and the doctors were right. He said the VA in Ann Arbor has taken very good care of him over the years for other things and now also with this shoulder.

This story shows why local people go to the memorial on the first Sunday of each month to honor those veterans – alive or dead -- who fought for our country. The veterans present never tell the stories of their service unless you pry it out of them – and sometimes not even then.

Oftentimes, people walking down the sidewalk along High Street, and not going to the Bugles ceremony, stop long enough to say to the veterans standing around, "Thank you for your service." That is always a welcome remark.

Another person at Sunday's Bugles event was Marie Krouse and she was on crutches. She had fallen down the last two steps coming downstairs at home and broken her ankle in three places. Marie is the person who took charge of veterans' graves in Van

Buren Township to make sure they had good flags and their graves were taken care of. She's done that for years. Last fall, she even headed a group that took care of the veterans' graves at Hillside Cemetery for the city of Belleville.

"I always look forward to celebrating on Easter day," a reader emailed me last week after reading my comments in this column. "I, too, have always felt somber leading up to it, reflecting on what Jesus did for us."

She said she grew up in a family that belonged to the Russian Orthodox Church and was Ukrainian on her mother's side. They always celebrated Easter by saying "Khrystos voskres!" and the church would respond "Voistynu Voskres!" This means "Christ is risen!" and the response is "Indeed, he is risen!"

"It was such a joyful time on Easter to be surrounded by many believers and to rejoice in what Jesus had done for us sinners!" she wrote. She said her dad also would go to the church with other men and keep watch over Jesus' "tomb" in the days leading up to Easter Sunday. She said she was always very proud of him for doing this.





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Letters

My father built Frosty Boy for my mother

To the editor:

Recently I have received three phone calls regarding the recent article in the *Independent* about the sale of the Frosty Boy ice cream stand. In the article you said that the business was built by Darryl Raymond. You didn't mention Darryl Jr. or Darryl Sr., but it really isn't important because neither Raymond built it. My father Donald Raymond built the establishment as a gift to my mother Ruth Raymond.

The people when contacting me all know I worked at the *Independent* at one time and asked me if I never told you about this. I assured them I had and they were concerned your memory was slipping. I told them I was sure it was an innocent mistake and that you would correct it in your next publication.

Have a blessed Easter and please give my regards to all.

Lorrie Raymond Dummann
Calumet, MI

Editor's note: We don't remember you saying Frosty Boy was built by your father, but maybe you did. I did not make a mistake in what I printed. Mike Foley said he did not have paperwork on the previous owners, but listed the people he knew of who he heard had owned Frosty Boy, including Ball's Dairy, which he thought might have been the original owner. I quoted what Mike said. Thanks for your information. City records on line show only that Frosty Boy was built in 1959, but not who built it.

Low water pressure in city affects Easter

To the editor:

As a long-time resident of the city of Belleville, many things have changed. Our sidewalks used to be cleaned of snow. Our leaves used to be cleaned up on a regular basis. There were no fines or penalties if we put our trash out before 5 p.m.

Now since March 29 through April 6 my section of the city has had very low water pressure. This included the Easter holiday. Almost impossible to take a shower, wash your hair, wash clothes, run dish washer. Is this another Belleville change? Will our bill be lowered since we are using less water?

I, for one, think we should get some kind of credit for the seven, eight? nine? days we have had a limited amount of water to use. Easter holiday must have been a lot of fun for some residents having a lot of company and preparing a lot of food.

What will be next here in our city? Long-time resident, Katherine Niemann Edgemont St., Belleville P.S. Lucky there was no school last week. Edgemont also had little water pressure.

Get your shots, wear your masks!

To the editor:

So we live in America with the freedom of choice! Veterans protected you. Many have given their lives for all of us. Now it should be your turn to protect us.

How hard is it to get a couple shots in your arm? Less pain than a shot from a gun! Because you don't care about those protected, those who have kept you safe, protect your parents, your children, grandchildren and people you don't know.

No charge for the COVID-19 shot. It's free. Can't you afford free? I call that selfish and shame on you!

Oh, yes, don't forget to wear a mask. You didn't mind them as a kid for Halloween. Be a bigger person now. Wear a mask!

Sincerely,
Mary Bell
Van Buren Township

Thanks to Charles Larocque for his letters

To the editor:

I just wanted to thank Charles Larocque for his recent letters. I was beginning to think there were no sensible people who believe in science living in this area.

Our country was founded on separation of church and state; many people seem to forget that. You have every right to follow any religion you choose, but remember that not everyone agrees with you. Not everyone believes what you believe. Live your life and let others live theirs.

Barbara Becker
Belleville

COVID-19 death total in 48111 stays at 61, positive tests up to 2,588

The number of people who have died from COVID-19 in the 48111 zip code stayed at 61 over the week ending Monday, April 5.

The positive tests for COVID-19 in 48111 totaled 2588 on Monday, April 5, up from 2,468 the previous Monday, March 29.

On Monday, April 5, the separate totals released by the Wayne County Health Department for the tri-community were: Van Buren Township, 1,702 positive cases, 33 deaths; city of Belleville, 408 positive cases, 21 deaths; and Sumpter Township 478 positive cases, 7 deaths.

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More Letters

Writer responds to teacher's opinion

To the editor:

Please allow me to answer the teacher who phoned you with her comment / opinion regarding the placement of an article / opinion you published in your March 18 issue. The anonymous teacher challenged Mr. Wayne Hoppe's March 11 article saying Mr. Hoppe "has no education credentials and maybe no transgender children, so he cannot speak with authority and his words should be labeled opinion."

I wish to commend and welcome Mr. Hoppe's stand and opinion Re: "Equality Act." If more American citizens (especially parents and families of today's students) would likewise stand-up and speak out whenever and wherever our Constitutional freedom (Speech) is under attack, our country would remain a free, One Nation Under God With Liberty and Justice for ALL.

Parents: Wake up! Our current curriculum of our public schools is intentionally removing all possibility of discussion and/or debate on such critical issues as is contained in the evil "Equality Act." Read it carefully, parents. Do your "homework!" This generation of students will UNDOUBTEDLY determine the future of our beloved democracy.

I have read Mr. Hoppe's letter and say again -- I am grateful and agree with his words. I urge all citizens, please read again his letter re: "The Equality Act." Every American citizen should honor and hold fast our guaranteed freedoms as stated in the 1st Amendment of our United States Constitution * -- Freedoms for ALL Americans.

* Amendment 1 to the Constitution of the United States of America: "Congress shall make no law respecting establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people to peacefully assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

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Thank you,
(Mrs.) Ruth E. Bleeker
Belleville

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Obituaries



Raymond J. Zatirka

RAYMOND J. ZATIRKA

(March 12, 1930 – April 2, 2021)

Raymond J. Zatirka passed away peacefully in his sleep on Friday, April 2, 2021 in Canton, Michigan. He was born on March 12, 1930 in Detroit, Michigan.

Raymond was a longtime resident of Belleville who enjoyed hunting, fishing, woodworking, making award-winning duck decoys, and flying remote-control aircraft. He at one time was the youngest person in Michigan to own an airplane and obtain his pilot license and had one before he owned an automobile. His greatest joy in life was spending time with his family. Raymond married his wife Alice in 1950 and soon after proudly served his Country in Korea from 1950-1952 in the 8th cavalry regiment 1st cavalry division mortar company. Raymond went on to work at the GM Hydra-matic plant as a toolmaker until he retired after 42 years.

Mr. Zatirka is survived by his adoring wife Alice, his loving children Alan (Kirstin) Zatirka, Kenneth Zatirka and Sharon Zatirka. Raymond was preceded in death by his son Steven. Raymond is also survived by grandchildren: Gillian, Zachary, Brendon, Thomas and Nicholas and four great-grandchildren.

Visitation for Raymond was held on Tuesday, April 6, 2021 from 10 a.m. until the time of the funeral service at 12 p.m. at Higgeson & Neal Funeral Home, 209 Main St., Belleville, 734-697-9400. Fr. John Kiselica officiated. Burial followed at Michigan Memorial Park, Flat Rock, Michigan. Military honors followed under the auspices of VFW Post 4434.

Memorial contributions in Mr. Zatirka's name are suggested to the American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 7023, Merrifield, VA 22116 and would be greatly appreciated by this family. Thank you for keeping the Zatirka family in your thoughts and prayers at this time. www.hnfh.com



ADRIANA GRACE DILLON

(January 18, 2006 – April 2, 2021)

Age 15, of Wayne. Survived by parents Thomas & Candice Dillon; brother Gavin. Memorial mass May 8 at St. Peter & Paul Jesuit Church in Detroit. Arrangements by David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville. www.davidcbrownfh.com

BURNETTA JEAN BOKON

(July 31, 1927 - February 17, 2021)

Age 93, of Belleville. Survived by son James E. Bokon, daughter Debra J. Bokon, numerous extended family and friends. Interred in Michigan Memorial Park, Flat Rock. David C. Brown Funeral Home. www.davidcbrownfh.com



Roy Douglas Mandeville

ROY DOUGLAS MANDEVILLE

(September 22, 1961 – March 21, 2021)

Roy Douglas Mandeville, 59, was born in Laredo, TX, on September 22, 1961 and later on in life made the move to Michigan. He died in Belleville on March 21, 2021.

Roy is preceded in death by his father Richard Mandeville, step-father Benito Moreno, mother Juanita Moreno, and brothers Leo and Raymond Mandeville.

He is survived by sons Roy, Jr. (Maria Linda) Mandeville and Kyle Mandeville, sisters Angie (Ray) Lerma and Lisa Moreno; three grandchildren, Bryan, Alexander, and Makayla Mandeville; nephews and nieces, Kristopher and Norman Mandeville, Raymond Mandeville Jr., Carlos (Abby) Reyes, Krista (Henry) Gomez, Erika (Pedro) Coronel, and Nicole, Angelina and Marcus Coronel; and many great-nephews and nieces.

Roy's family would also like to extend their thanks to Roy's long-time friend Benjamin Bryson (BJ) and Eilene.

Arrangements for private cremation by Harry J. Will Funeral Home, Wayne.

Court watching

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"I'm ready to go on Hopkins," said the prosecutor.

Parker's defense attorney Ben Gonek said he received a "ton of digital discovery" just the previous Friday.

"If this kind of shit happened because of the defense, I would hold them in contempt," Judge Oakley said to the prosecutor. "Your office seems to think our dates just hang on trees ... This is absolute bullshit. We're holding Hopkins and we'll adjourn your guy."

Judge Oakley adjourned the preliminary exam for Parker to April 8 at 9 a.m. He said 20 years ago there was a study that showed it cost \$5,000 a day to run a district court. And, that was 20 years ago, he said, noting it would cost a lot more now.

Van Buren Township Police Officer Scott Griggs was the first witness. He testified that he was on the night shift and was dispatched to a stabbing at the mobile home park. He said he first spoke to the female complaining witness at the entry to the park and then went to the trailer. He spoke with Hopkins next and then took him into custody.

Officer Griggs said he saw a blood trail from the porch, down the stairs and sidewalk to a parking place, with most of the blood on the porch.

Griggs testified that Hopkins told him he was in town for a funeral and was given permission to sleep on the couch at the home. He said Parker had given the woman who lives there a ride home from a gas station and wanted gas money from either her or Hopkins. Parker hit Hopkins on the head with a gun and took his cellphone, Griggs said. Then he told Hopkins to leave the house, which he did.

Griggs said Hopkins told him Parker had sex with woman who lived there and Hopkins, who was bleeding from the head, went outside and got a knife from his vehicle. When Parker came outside again, Hopkins stabbed him in the chest. Hopkins gave police permission to search his Honda Civic and they found a 5" knife covered with blood.

Parker drove off in his car and Canton police were dispatched to the Mobil gas

station at 40401 Michigan Ave. for a bleeding man collapsed in the parking lot. Canton police responded, put a chest seal on the wound, and Parker was taken to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor via ambulance.

Canton Officer Brian Halapi testified he followed a blood trail to the gas station front door where there was a trash can. He found a bloody gun in the trash. Gas station surveillance tape reportedly showed Parker trying to hide the gun.

Defense attorney Glenn arguing that his client should not be bound over, said Parker demanded money from Hopkins and the woman and then hit Hopkins on the head. His client gets a knife, there is a tussle, and he stabs Parker. He has a right to defend himself, Glenn said. Parker had taken Hopkins' cell phone, Glenn said.

"All he did was keep himself from being killed," Glenn said, noting Hopkins already knew Parker had a gun.

Judge Oakley said this is a self-defense question for a trier of fact so he bound Hopkins over to circuit court for trial.

Tiara Renea Malone

After a live, preliminary exam on March 31, Tiara Renea Malone of Eastpointe was bound over to circuit court for an April 14 arraignment on the information on a charge of assault with a dangerous weapon (felonious assault) in Van Buren Township on Aug. 24, 2019.

The prosecution's only witness was the defendant's cousin Dominique Mosley, who testified she had recently been introduced to her cousin and she invited Malone and her baby daughter to an afternoon barbecue at her home on Parkwood Drive. Also present were Mosley's sister and her children and Mosley's son.

Malone put a gun on top of the refrigerator when she came into the kitchen, Mosley said. Around 5 p.m., Malone went to Walmart to get some money her brother had sent her by Western Union, Mosley testified.

The three women were drinking, Mosley testified. She said later she was washing dishes and Malone put her hands around Mosley's waist and Mosley felt sexual activities. She said she didn't feel safe and so she asked her sister to stay with her. The

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Court watching

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sister stayed a while and then left.

There had been arrangements for Malone and her baby to stay the night and Mosley said she gave her bedroom to Malone and slept in her son's room. She said Malone brought the gun into the room where she was sleeping and put the gun in her lap and it fell on the floor. Mosley said Malone pointed the gun at her chest and said there was a bullet in the chamber for her and ten in the clip.

Mosley said she picked up the gun and put it in a bedroom. Then she called her mother to get Malone to leave. Mosley testified her mother came at 3 a.m. and Malone left on her own after that. Mosley said she doesn't know what happened to the gun.

When defense attorney Glen Oh asked Mosley why it took a week for her to call police, Mosley said, "I don't remember. Why does it matter a week or not? I was threatened."

Judge Green told the witness, "You're not allowed to ask questions."

Judge Green said when a gun is drawn there is an issue of fact, so she bound the case over to circuit court.

Jenny Denise Diehl

Jenny Denise Diehl of Adrian was arraigned March 31 by Judge Green on a charge of domestic violence that allegedly occurred Oct. 17 in Van Buren Township.

The pre-trial was set for May 19 before Judge Lisa Martin. Personal bond of \$10,000 was set. Defendant Diehl is the mother of the alleged victim and Diehl must have no assaultive contact with her 17-year-old daughter at the daughter's home in Blissfield where she lives with her boyfriend.

In Judge Green's courtroom via zoom, were the defendant, the victim with her stepmother, and the victim's father, who was present in a police officer's uniform from the front seat of his patrol car.

Defense attorney is Maurice Davis.

Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Ben Deneweth said there is a custody dispute and a case in family court. He said the victim is the age of majority and should be able to make decisions on whether or not to see her mother.

Judge Green said this situation will work itself out with time, but the daughter, who does not want to see or hear from her mother now, should be able to reach out to her if she changes her mind.

Judge Green urged the daughter to reach out to her victim's advocate if "something goes south" before the pre-trial.

Marcus Dewayne Hopkins

Marcus Dewayne Hopkins, 33, of Ypsilanti had his probable cause conference adjourned until April 21 by Judge Green.

He is charged with delivery/manufacture of a controlled substance – methamphetamine, deliver/manufacture of less than 50 grams of a narcotic or cocaine, fleeing a police officer in a vehicle, and assaulting / resisting / obstructing a police officer on April 2, 2020 in Sumpter Township.

Hopkins also will face charges on April 21 that were brought through the Michigan State Police from Sept. 16, 2017. They are identity theft, forgery of license documents/plates, driving while license suspended, and operating without security.

Hopkins' defense attorney is Natalie Phelps. Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor was Ben Deneweth, filling in for Jane Gillis.

Upcoming Meetings

• Thursday, April 8 – Keystone Academy school board, 6 p.m. Also, Belleville Planning Commission, 7 p.m.

• Monday, April 12 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m.

• Tuesday, April 13 – Van Buren Township Recreation Committee, 5:30 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township workshop and regular meeting, 6 p.m. Also, Van Buren Township Board of Zoning Appeals, 7 p.m. Also, Belleville Area District Library Board, 7:30 p.m.

• Wednesday, April 14 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.

• Monday, April 19 – Van Buren Township work/study session at 4 p.m. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.

VBT DDA approves \$165,200 for district sidewalk repairs

By Rosemary K. Otzman

Independent Editor

The exceptionally low bid of Merlo Contruction to repair all the sidewalks in the Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority district was accepted by the DDA on Jan. 26 at its regular meeting via Zoom.

The announced goal for the project is to make the township more walkable.

On Jan. 14, four bids were received for the sidewalk repair/replacement project:

- Merlo Construction, \$134,710;
- Audia Concrete Construction, \$183,710;
- Lacaria Concrete Construction, \$187,855; and
- Davenport Brothers Construction, \$215,920.

The project was originally estimated to total about \$250,000. After studying the bids received, Wade Trim engineering consultants and DDA Executive Director Susan Ireland recommended the contract be awarded to low-bidder Merlo Construction.

The board also approved a contingency

of \$13,500 plus \$17,000 for Wade Trim professional services for construction engineering, making the total cost not to exceed \$165,200.

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Steve Dolot returns collected bottles to benefit food pantry

By Rosemary K. Oztzman
Independent Editor

Steve Dolot of Van Buren Township is a non-verbal adult who has multiple impairments but he is enthusiastic about giving back to his community.

Prior to the pandemic he did volunteer work in Belleville and Canton with the help of his support aide, who lives in Canton. He is transported by the Van Buren Public Schools to his school in Canton.

Since August, Dolot has been returning bottles for family and friends and has donated the proceeds to the Community Food Pantry at the First United Methodist Church in Belleville.

Dolot, 31, is the son of Kristi and Stan Dolot. "This is a great activity for Steven," said his mother. "It keeps him active and helps him build fine motor skills while giving back to the community."

Kristi said Steve delivers Meals on Wheels in Canton with his aide and those receiving the meals love to see Steve each time.

Kristi said his Stan has put together an iPod so Steve can speak through it which allows him to communicate. She said it is very popular on his Meals on Wheels visits.

Since last fall, church members and their friends have been dropping off cans and bottles to the church and since then, Steve and his parents have been coming to the church each Wednesday to pick them up.

Marilyn Wood, manager of the food closet, said so far the family has donated \$800 to the food closet and at least \$500 to \$1,000 more will be coming.

There had been problems with the refunding stations being closed due to COVID, but now they are open. And, Steve is vaccinated and ready to invite the public to drop off bottles and cans at the church for him to refund to benefit the food closet.

Kristi said they leave the donated bags of bottles and cans at the church for a time in a sort of quarantine before picking them up and taking them home to process.

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VBT commission to get video report on French Landing Park upgrades

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

The Van Buren Township Environmental Commission will get a video report on the upgrades being done at French Landing Park.

At its Jan. 20 Zoom meeting, the first since last July, Public Service Director Matthew Best said he would bring the French Landing Park Master Plan to members during the next few monthly meetings and have it be an open item on the agendas.

He invited members to offer ideas on what the township can do at its parks to make an environmental impact, such as keeping geese off the beach.

Director Best said in 2020 the commission was looking at environmental ideas on what the township parks could do.

Newly elected chairman Norm DeBuck said members should make a personal visit to see it first-hand or have a video presentation to see what's happening there.

That could be in the summer months when everyone's vaccinated.

"I'm just trying to be prudent," said DeBuck.

Commissioner Peter Creal said that was a good idea.

"I will take video, work with Ryan Nichols, and put together a video of what's being done," agreed Best.

Best said the No. 1 user of that park is non-resident fishermen. Second is bikers who will be using the Iron Belle Trail. Third is those who want to see the dam. Then, there's the yoga class that uses the park.

"Maybe the whole township would like to see it," Best said. "Ryan's a good filmmaker."

DeBuck asked about obtaining right of way

for the Iron Belle Trail through the township.

Best said Washtenaw County is bringing the trail to the Grove Road/Rawsonville Road border and then it will go through Van Buren Park and come out by the apartments. They will start working on that this year, with grants to get the west entry of Van Buren Park paved.

He said the township is working on the trail from Edgemont in Belleville, east to Martinsville Road. Best said they have four of the 12 rights of way needed. He said most of those yet to be obtained are from churches who need to meet with their congregations.

"We're ready to get it rolling," said Best, noting there is \$8 million worth of work to be done over the next five years to get it completed.

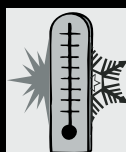
He said environmental signs could be put along the trail.

Best also announced the township is doing all the cemeteries now with tree cutting, brush cutting, and "doing what we can to make them look sharp. We are starting the process next week."

The commission also discussed the township's newly issued permit from the State of Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy authorizing the township to discharge from the storm sewer, as amended by the Governor's Executive Order 2019-06. It takes effect Feb. 1 and runs through Oct. 1, 2024.

DeBuck referred to the rules and said that they start with the township and asked if the residents are going to be next? DeBuck is a sod farmer.

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CITY OF BELLEVILLE
Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 15, 2021 - 7:30 pm
VIA ZOOM TELECONFERENCE

Due to Michigan Department of Health and Human Services guidelines, the City cannot ensure 6 feet separation between participants in the Chambers of City Hall. As a result, the regular meeting of the City Council will be held via ZOOM.

The regular meeting of the Belleville City Council was called to order by Mayor Conley at 7:30 p.m.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

2. ROLL CALL

Council Member Bates	Present
Council Member Fielder	Absent
Council Member Voigt	Present
Mayor Pro-Tem Marcotte	Present
Mayor Conley	Present

3. PRESENTATIONS & CITIZENS COMMENTS

A. Presentations

• Chief of Police Robinson presented his newest hire, Police Officer Michael Papin and Clerk Chapman administered the Oath of Office to Officer Papin.

• LakeFest by Mike Kole, Chamber of Commerce
 Action will be taken based on the Administrations' recommendation at the next regular meeting.

B. Council Follow Up List

• Mayor Conley asked for the status of Doane's Landing and DPS Director Rick Rutherford explained that it is still incomplete due to long lead times on materials. While there is no completion date as of yet, he is estimating completion in late Spring.

• Council Member Bates expressed that she would like to see the "due date" column of the Follow-Up List be revised to specify start and stop dates.

• Mayor Pro-Tem Marcotte would like an action plan for each item on the list to include weekly reports and Civil Service updates.

C. Citizens Comments on Non-Agenda Items

• Fire Chief Loranger suggested announced that the Belleville Fire Auxiliary is holding a gun raffle during the month of June as a fund raiser for a down payment on a new fire truck. 1

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Motion by Voight, supported by Marcotte to accept the Agenda as presented with the addition of Item 8B – Senior Banners.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Council Member Voigt Aye

Mayor Pro-Tem Marcotte	Aye
Council Member Bates	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye

Council Member Fielder Absent

Motion Carried.

5. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

A. March 1, 2021 Regular Meeting of the City Council

MOTION: Motion by Bates, supported by Marcotte to approve the Minutes of the regular City Council Meeting held on Monday, March 1, 2021 as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Council Member Bates Aye

Mayor Pro-Tem Marcotte	Aye
Council Member Voigt	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye
Council Member Fielder	Absent

Motion Carried.

6. PUBLIC HEARING NONE

7. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES NONE

8. GENERAL BUSINESS DISCUSSION

A. Police Body Cameras and In-Car Video Systems
 Acting City Manager/Police Chief Robinson presented this item.

MOTION: Motion by Voigt, supported by Bates to approve the procurement of the Axon In-Car and Body Camera system and, authorize the Mayor and Acting City Manager to enter into a five-year installment agreement on behalf of the City to pay \$68,316.40 in five (5) equal annual installments of \$13,663.28 or, to pay one lump sum payment of \$68,316.40 based on the Finance Department's recommendation.2

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Voigt	Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Marcotte	Aye
Council Member Bates	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye
Council Member Fielder	Absent

Motion Carried.

B. Senior Banners

Acting City Manager presented this item on behalf of the BYU BYC3, who will be sponsoring this project that will run from May thru July.

Motion: Motion by Voigt, supported by Bates to approve the installation of banners temporarily hung on City light poles around Horizon Park representing Belleville High School's Class of 2021.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Voigt	Aye
Council Member Bates	Aye
Mayor Pro Tem Marcotte	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye
Council Member Fielder	Absent

Motion Carried.

9. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES

MOTION: Motion by Marcotte, supported by Bates to approve Accounts Payable and Departmental Expenditures as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mayor Pro-Tem Marcotte	Aye
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Council Member Bates	Aye
Council Member Voigt	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye
Council Member Fielder	Absent

10. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

• Acting City Manager Robinson thanked the Council and Administration for their support as he transitions into his new appointment.

• Expressed his thoughts to the Council about his meeting with a CDBG representative, which he deemed successful.

11. CITY COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

• Council Member Bates:

o Congratulated the Police Department on their new hire Officer Papin.

o Thanked Council Member Voigt for securing funding from the BYC for the Senior Banner project.

o Expressed hopefulness in Lake Fest coming to fruition.

o Wished everyone a Happy St. Patrick's Day.

• Council Member Voigt:

o Welcomed Officer Papin to the Police Department.

o Acknowledged the wisdom in pursuing Body Cams and the Council's response to pay the down payment on a new fire truck4.

o Expressed excitement about Lake Fest and appreciation for the Chief's report to Council.

• Mayor Pro-Tem Marcotte:

o Urged everyone to be budget conscious as we approach the season.

12. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

• Mayor Conley welcomed Officer Papin and commented favorably about Lake Fest.

• She updated everyone on the topics discussed at the recent WWC meeting; including the federal relief that is on the way.

• Mayor Conley commented on the needed infrastructure repairs on water, sewer, and the roads.

13. CITIZENS COMMENTS

14. ACTION ITEMS FOR NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING:

15. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Motion by Bates, supported by Marcotte to adjourn the meeting at 9:27 p.m.

No objections were noted.

MOTION CARRIED.

Submitted by:

Verna Chapman, City Clerk

1 As corrected on April 6, 2021.

2 As corrected on April 5, 2021.

3 As corrected on April 5, 2021.

4 As amended on April 5, 2021

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Environmental

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Best said it is the basis for Wayne County Rainwater Ordinance, controlling the water quality.

"How do we control a two- or three-inch rain event?" he asked. "It doesn't make common sense."

Best said it's controlled with storage.

DeBuck said the 33-page document to him is like Congress and its 3,500-page document, "Vote on it to find out what's in it."

Later in the meeting, Best said Wayne County made a proposal for changes to the storm water ordinance and could change the township's ordinance for existing and new storm water retention.

DeBuck asked if they will be more restrictive. Creal added, "or less restrictive?" and everybody laughed.

Best said it would place more requirements on property owners to maintain. He said, as an example, if you are like Auto Zone, you have to maintain it, "I think, with inspections every year."

He said it could change how the township operates with storm water. He said some things are already required and this just spells it out.

"Now they have to maintain it in perpetuity. This will say how to maintain it ... A final set of drafts is coming," Best said.

DeBuck asked about Zoom meetings and Best said they would be in place through March 31 under State of Michigan rules. If the state extends the time, the commission will probably be in Zoom meetings.

"If it's safe to meet, the supervisor will decide whether to continue ... or elected officials," Best said. "I have a feeling the Governor will make that decision."

"A lot will depend on outbreaks and the vaccine," DeBuck said.

Best said there have not been outbreaks at work and all exposures have been outside of work.

[The Feb. 17 and March 17 meetings were cancelled for lack of agenda.]

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VBT DDA

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In her memo to the DDA, Ireland said Wade Trim has extensive experience working with Merlo Construction and Merlo is a well-known contractor in southeast Michigan.

She said Merlo is currently doing the Union Lake Road Sidewalk Project in Harrison Township and the township seems to be pleased with their work. The contractor has the equipment, labor force, and financial capability and can complete the project to the DDA's satisfaction, Ireland said.

Carmelle Tremblay of Wade Trim said

of the four bids one was quite a bit higher. She said they checked the Merlo figures and nothing was out of line. It was very competitive, she said. It was a high-priority bid for them, Tremblay said of Merlo.

DDA Secretary Chris Brown said Merlo gave an "aggressive quote" and they are one of his competitors. "They're a good competitor," he said. He noted the three other bidders had their unit prices inflated.

Barbara Miller asked from the Zoom audience about who supervises the work and Ireland said, "That's what 'construction engineering' is."

Dave Nummer of Wade Trim said the construction engineering they will do includes inspections, field engineering,

interacting with residents or businesses along the corridor, estimates for contractors, coordination with the DDA, and a small amount of field staking.

Secretary Brown asked if there is concrete testing and Nummer said Wade Trim has contracted with a concrete tester.

Supervisor Kevin McNamara asked if Wayne County inspects and Nummer said they do if they have time, performing periodic test inspections.

Supervisor McNamara asked, in a related matter, if in such a project they kill the tree when it pushes up a sidewalk. McNamara said sometimes they cut the root and kill the tree when replacing sidewalks and it makes the tree unstable.

Nummer said they don't want to kill trees. Sometimes they can just trim back the roots. It's on a case-by-case basis, he said.

The DDA also approved for next season the holiday lights at Harris Park and Belleville/Quirk roads as they were done in

2020 by Grosse Ile Lawn. The DDA paid \$9,429 and Grosse Ile was the bidder that came in with the most lights and service, Ireland said. Grosse Ile is offering to give the DDA a 10% discount for next season if they sign up now.

Decorating light poles?

Ireland said she also got some comments on putting decorations on the light poles along the streetscape but, "I can't imagine how much it would cost to do 76 poles." She said it's not as simple as the decorations they had this year.

"I don't like leasing things that you will be using every year," McNamara said after that was suggested for the light pole decorations. "Leasing for two miles of roadway scares the heck out of me."

He said owning some of the stuff is an option and, again, "Leasing drives me nuts."

"I'm not against talking about it," he said, noting the holiday lights this year were very pretty.

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Sunday, March 28:

0345 – mental subject, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0855 – 911 welfare check, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1333 – welfare check, Kirkridge Park Dr.
1343 – suspicious person/vehicle, America
1404 – animal complaint, S. Ponderosa Trl.
1413 – property damage accident, Haggerty/Ecorse
1437 – trespassing, Denton Rd.
1514 – assist fire dept., Michigan Ave.
1606 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1618 – intrusion alarm, Samuel Barton Dr.
1634 – welfare check, Jackson St.
1635 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1637 – animal complaint, Parkwood Dr.
1950 – civil matter, Anna Dr.
2144 – civil matter, Morton Taylor Rd.
2341 – domestic, Denton Rd.

Monday, March 29:

0120 – noise complaint, Kirkridge Park Dr.
0233 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
0246 – domestic, Belleville Rd./N. I-94 Service
0355 – suspicious person/vehicle, Visteon Way/
Ecorse Rd.
0423 – domestic, Beckley Rd.
0512 – 911 welfare check, W. Archwood Dr.
0922 – assist other dept., Belleville Rd.
0946 – vehicle lockout, N. Adams
1115 – assist fire dept., N. I-94 Service Dr.
1132 – vehicle lockout, Belleville Rd.
1327 – intrusion alarm, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1340 – trespassing, Rawsonville Rd.
1405 – private property impound, Maple Dr.
1457 – civil matter, Kirkridge Park Dr.
1500 – domestic, Denton Rd.
1532 – assist other dept., S. I-94 Service Dr.
1542 – welfare check, Savage Rd./Martinsville Rd.
1542 – mental subject, Elwell Rd.
1617 – malicious destruction of property, Parkwood Dr.

1630 – assault & battery, Belleville Rd.
1638 – found property/child, Belleville Rd.
1639 – found property/child, E. I-94/N. Belleville I-94 ramp E.

1657 – assault & battery, Anna Dr.
1713 – private property impound, Denton Rd.
1714 – private property impound, Denton Rd.
1830 – animal complaint, Maple Dr.
2005 – family trouble, Ecorse Rd./Denton Rd.
2014 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
2023 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
2032 – misc. complaint, Westlake
2212 – parking complaint, Lake Villa Dr.
2241 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
2324 – traffic offense, Richard Run Dr.
2332 – property damage accident, S. I-94 Service
2338 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.

Tuesday, March 30:

0054 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
0956 – disorderly, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1129 – mental subject, Sheldon Rd.
1248 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. /
Denton Rd.

1300 – road hazard, Belleville Rd./Stephanie Dr.
1308 – welfare check, Old Michigan Ave./Outer
1621 – assist fire dept., Harmony Ln.
1631 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1856 – domestic, Paloma Dr.
2016 – domestic, Stonebridge Ct.
2133 – intrusion alarm, Juniper Dr.
2143 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
2143 – welfare check, Hancock Ave.
2200 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
2201 – suspicious person/vehicle, Christina Ln.
2208 – disorderly, Brandi Dr.

Wednesday, March 31:

0251 – welfare check, Denton Rd.
0740 – property damage accident, S. I-94 Service
Dr. / Belleville Rd.
0854 – neighbor trouble, Basswood Cir.
0855 – intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.
1055 – assist fire dept., W. Huron River Dr.
1134 – welfare check, Andover Dr.
1137 – welfare check, Westlake Cir.
1216 – animal complaint, Ventura
1302 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville/Quirk
1315 – assist other dept., Outer Dr.

1407 – intrusion alarm, Rebecca Ct.
1415 – intrusion alarm, Van Buren St.
1510 – intrusion alarm, Van Buren St.
1537 – civil matter, Stonebridge Ct.
1544 – animal complaint, Robson Rd.
1612 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.
1732 – property damage accident, Ecorse/Marlowe
1735 – intrusion alarm, Coca-Cola Dr.
1829 – suspicious person/vehicle, Sylvia Dr.
1854 – mental subject, Montague Ave.
1929 – domestic, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2035 – neighbor trouble, Montague Ave.
2132 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
2258 – domestic, Clayton Rd.

Thursday, April 1:

0205 – noise complaint, W. Archwood Dr.
0247 – suspicious person/vehicle, Kirkridge Park
1004 – property damage accident, Hannan Rd. / S.
I-94 Service Dr.

1120 – parking complaint, W. Archwood Dr.
1221 – larceny, Van Born
1252 – motorist assist, Van Born Rd./Sheldon Rd.
1306 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
1353 – civil matter, Arthur St.
1410 – domestic, Outer Dr.
1432 – breaking & entering, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1446 – intrusion alarm, Lindsey Dr.
1559 – assist other dept., Victoria St.
1635 – domestic, E. Sadie Ln.
1640 – malicious destruction of property, S. I-94
Service Dr.
1748 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1815 – domestic, Denton Rd.
1905 – larceny, Belleville Rd.
1945 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1953 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
2050 – mental subject, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2102 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.
2106 – intrusion alarm, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2137 – suspicious person/vehicle, Denton Rd.
2330 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
2343 – disorderly, Parkwood Dr.
2350 – intrusion alarm, Briarcliff Dr.

Friday, April 2:

0032 – intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.
0410 – motorist assist, EB I-94/Belleville Rd.
0446 – intrusion alarm, Tyler Rd.
0510 – suspicious person/vehicle, Tyler/Haggerty
0841 – intrusion alarm, Martz Rd.
0841 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
0844 – intrusion alarm, Rawsonville Rd.
0903 – 911 welfare check, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1057 – intrusion alarm, E. Schooner Dr.
1239 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service
1309 – suspicious person/vehicle, Park Estates
1433 – assist other dept., Arthur St.
1459 – mental subject, Parkwood Dr.
1518 – road hazard, Belleville/Yost
1556 – welfare check, Rawsonville Rd.
1623 – road hazard, N. I-94 Service Dr./Belleville
1641 – welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1729 – assist fire dept., Maurice Dr.
1855 – intrusion alarm, Pond Bluff Dr.
2006 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
2038 – disorderly, Parkwood Dr.
2112 – civil matter, Andover Dr.
2121 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd.

/ Bog Rd.
2128 – civil matter, Stonebridge Ct.
2149 – noise complaint, W. Archwood Dr.
2209 – suspicious person/vehicle, Winchester St.
2212 – motorist assist, SB I-275/Ecorse

Saturday, April 3:

0142 – noise complaint, Parkwood Dr./Tyler Rd.
0337 – assist other dept., S. I-94 Service Dr.
0338 – domestic, S. Woodbury Dr.
0504 – intrusion alarm, Fret Rd.
0558 – property damage accident, Haggerty/Tyler
0853 – intrusion alarm, Salem Ct.
0932 – intrusion alarm, Salem Ct.
0944 – animal complaint, Pine Dr.
1132 – assist fire dept., N. I-94 Service Dr.
1216 – assist other dept., Solitude Ln.
1303 – welfare check, Denton Rd.
1324 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd.
1343 – threat, Forestdale Dr.
1426 – hospice death, Revere Dr.
1442 – suspicious person/vehicle, Walden Blvd.
1450 – leaving the scene of a property damage
accident, Belleville Rd.
1457 – welfare check, S. Purple Sage Ct.
1537 – shooting, Riggs Rd.
1617 – juvenile complaint, N. Ponderosa Trl.
1649 – suspicious person/vehicle, Ash Dr.

1657 – property damage accident, W. Huron River
1722 – suspicious person/vehicle, Rawsonville Rd.
2036 – road hazard, Belleville Rd./N. I-94 Service
2047 – assist fire dept., E. I-94/Haggerty Rd.
2053 – civil matter, Stonebridge Ct.
2204 – suspicious person/vehicle, Oak Ln.
2230 – suspicious person/vehicle, Tyler Rd./Rolan
Meadows Dr.
2322 – personal injury accident, Wildbrook Dr.
2334 – assist other dept., S. I-94 Service Dr.
Also on this week's log are 24 traffic stops, two of
which were on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, March 28:

0243 – traffic stop, Main St./E. Columbia Ave.
1427 – traffic stop, Main St./High St.
2107 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave./Church St.

Monday, March 29:

1159 – private property impound, S. Industrial Pk.
1646 – suspicious person/vehicle, Main St.
2149 – assist other dept., Main St.
2317 – disorderly, Church St.

Tuesday, March 30:

1112 – suspicious person/vehicle, Wexford Ave.
1233 – traffic offense, W. Columbia Ave.
1556 – property damage accident, Main St.
2016 – civil matter, Main St.
2142 – suspicious person/vehicle, Anaheim St.

Wednesday, March 31:

0353 – traffic stop, Main St./Third St.
0911 – misc. complaint, S. Industrial Park Dr.
1015 – traffic stop, Main St./Roys St.
1024 – misc. complaint, Main St.
1043 – traffic stop, Main St.
1130 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Main St.
1756 – traffic stop, Main St./Roys St.
2200 – suspicious person/vehicle, South St.

Thursday, April 1:

0018 – traffic stop, Main St./Fifth St.
0053 – traffic stop, Main St./High St.
0233 – traffic stop, Main St.
0317 – traffic stop, Main St./Denton Rd.
1011 – misc. complaint, S. Industrial Park Dr.
1040 – abandoned auto, Henry St.
1322 – traffic stop, Main St./N. Liberty St.
1402 – traffic stop, High St./Church St.
1449 – motorist assist, Main St.
1702 – larceny from auto, N. Liberty St.
1831 – animal complaint, N. Liberty St./Main St.
2044 – assist fire dept., E. Huron River Dr.
2221 – harassment call, Belle Villa Blvd.
2242 – suspicious person/vehicle, Harbour Pointe

Friday, April 2:

0300 – suspicious person/vehicle, Main St.
1012 – abandoned auto, Bedell St.
1107 – traffic stop, South St.
1116 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr.
1125 – traffic stop, E. Columbia Ave.
1141 – traffic stop, E. Columbia Ave.
1226 – traffic stop, Third St.
1254 – traffic stop, Main St.
1304 – traffic stop, Main St.
1324 – traffic offense, Main/High
1342 – suspicious person/vehicle, Sumpter Rd.
1408 – civil matter, W. Columbia Ave.
1613 – traffic stop, Main St./Fourth St.

1620 – leaving the scene of a property damage
accident, Sumpter Rd./Belle Villa Blvd.
1623 – fraud, Main St.
1820 – juvenile complaint, Victorian Ln.

Saturday, April 3:

0100 – traffic stop, N. Liberty St./Second St.
0837 – neighbor trouble, Bedell St.
1037 – traffic stop, Sumpter Rd./Industrial Pk. Dr.
1407 – traffic stop, Main St.
1846 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./Angola St.
2117 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave./Church St.

There were 26 traffic stops on this week's log.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, March 28:

0019 – 911 hang up, Knollwood Dr.
0356 – alarm, 13000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.

0854 – animal complaint, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1929 – civil matter, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1941 – fire dept. assist, Creekside Dr.
2016 – suspicious circumstances, Wear/Sumpter
2018 – 911 hang up, 41000 bl. Bemis Rd.
2032 – traffic stop, Sumpter Rd./Victoria St.
2112 – 911 hang up, 26000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
2350 – suspicious circumstances, 9300 bl.
Rawsonville Rd.

Monday, March 29:

0433 – suspicious circumstances, Clark Rd. /
Oakville Waltz Rd.
0813 – fire dept. assist, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.
0946 – 911 hang up, 39000 bl. Willow Rd.
1101 – welfare check, 40000 bl. Judd Rd.
1155 – follow-up investigation, 51000 bl. Willis
1158 – follow-up investigation, out of township
1555 – assist other agency, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1651 – fire dept. assist, 50000 bl. Wear Rd.
1727 – ORV complaint, 46000 bl. Traskos Ave.
1829 – misc. detail, out of township
1841 – misc. detail, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1940 – civil matter, 40000 bl. Willis Rd.
2331 – neighbor trouble, Carriage Ln.

Tuesday, March 30:

1159 – fire dept. assist, 42000 bl. Harris Rd.
1510 – citizen assist, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1851 – welfare check, 13000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1852 – misc. detail, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1913 – traffic stop, Rawsonville Rd. / Willis Rd.
1918 – malicious destruction of property, 44000 bl.
Arkona Rd.
2027 – neighbor trouble, Rustic Ln.
2244 – family trouble, 18000 bl. Martinsville Rd.

Wednesday, March 31:

0907 – suspicious circumstances, 21000 bl.
Haggerty Rd.
1122 – fire dept. assist, Carriage Ln.
1513 – neighbor trouble, 20000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1705 – suspicious circumstances, 10000 bl.
Rawsonville Rd.

1741 – death investigation, 48000 bl. Wear Rd.
1956 – 911 hang up, 24000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
2109 – misc. detail, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2126 – traffic stop, Judd Rd./Sumpter Rd.
2154 – traffic stop, Elwell Rd./Judd Rd.
2316 – traffic stop, Bemis Rd./Rawsonville Rd.

Thursday, April 1:

0150 – alarm, 50000 bl. Judd Rd.
1032 – suspicious person, Sherwood Rd./Judd
1648 – civil matter, Haggerty Rd./Judd Rd.
1928 – misc. detail, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2247 – welfare check, 46000 bl. Reed Ave.

Friday, April 2:

0252 – fire dept. assist, 24000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
0929 – 911 hang up, 41000 bl. Judd Rd.
1408 – suspicious circumstances, Carriage Ln.
1527 – civil matter, 48000 bl. Willis Rd.
1630 – suspicious person, 19000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1741 – 911 hang up, 42000 bl. Willis Rd.
1746 – death investigation, 44000 bl. Willis Rd.
1809 – civil matter, 46000 bl. Reed Ave.
1901 – misc. detail, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2042 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.
2204 – family trouble, 28000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

Saturday, April 3:

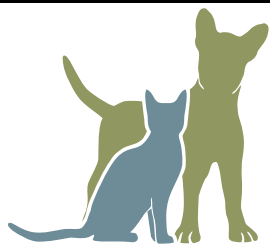
0555 – welfare check, 8100 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
0927 – suspicious person, 9900 bl. Rawsonville
0941 – suspicious circumstances, Rustic Ln.
1203 – mental health call, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
1406 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Harris Rd.
1410 – assist other agency, Clark Rd./Ash Rd.
1446 – death investigation, 28000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1503 – civil matter, 48000 bl. Willis Rd.
1747 – traffic stop, Oakville Waltz Rd./Clark Rd.
1811 – fire dept. assist, 49000 bl. Willis Rd.
1844 – misc. detail, out of township
1923 – misc. detail, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1933 – fire dept. assist, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
2000 – fire dept. assist, 49000 bl. Wear Rd.
2213 – suspicious vehicle, 8200 bl. Rawsonville

Also on this log are 52 patrol checks. There were six
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- April 6 – Rick Keeling
- April 10 – Arlivia Chambers, Joe Ballog
- April 11 – Judi Pustelak
- April 12 – Martha Warren, David Parrott, Theresa McCuean
- April 13 – Brad Rider, Ken Voigt, Dina Millard-Dunt, Sharon Beals, and the Traskos triplets: Andrea, Bradley, and Katelyn
- April 14 – Cathy Sykes
- April 15 – Gabe Dabney, Heather McArthur
- April 22 – Elliot Sala, Sarah Atwood
- April 23 – Gerald Bodenmiller

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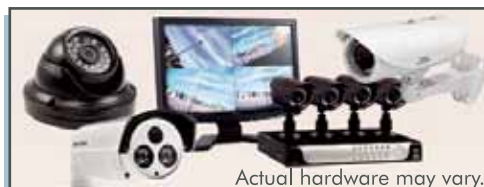
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